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MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

CANAAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

RUHAMIA CHURCH,

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA,

*(Commencing on Friday before the First Sunday in
October, 1867.*

ELYTON, ALABAMA:

CALLAHAN & DOUTHITT,

NEWS, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.

1867.

M I N U T E S :

1st- The ministers and delegates of the Canaan Baptist Association, met at Ruhamah meeting house, and repaired to the academy, where the Introductory Sermon was preached before a large audience by Elder J. Grimes, from the 5th c. of Mathew and 16th v. ; "Let your light so Shine," &c.

2nd. After which, the delegates assembled in the meeting house. Prayer by Bro Musgrove.

3rd. The letters from the Churches were called for, read and the names of their delegates enrolled.

4th. Elder A. J. Waldrop was chosen Moderator, Elder J. Grimes Recording and W. D. Lovett Corresponding Secretary.

5th. An opportunity was offered for the admission of newly constituted Churches.

6th. Ministers invited to seats.

7th. Correspondence received from TEN ISLAND Association, letter and messenger, R. W. Inzer.

8th. From the Warrior River G. D. Staton.

9th. From the North River, letter and minutes by their messenger, D. Manasco.

10th. Returned Correspondence :

To the SHELBY ASSOCIATION—A. J. Waldrop and W. T. Rogers.

- To the COOSA RIVER do J. Grimes and T. A. Mellan.

To the TUSKALOOSA do A. C. Thomason and W. Rogers.

To the NORTH RIVER do W. B. Corley and W. J. McCrary.

To the TEN ISLAND do S. B. Crow and J. Newton.

To the WARRIOR RIVER do A. J. Waldrop and J. Grimes.

11th. Committees were appointed to arrange business—S. T. Huey, J. H. Williams, T. T. Vann, A. J. Waldrop and J. Grimes.

ON PREACHING—The delegates of Ruhamah Church.

ON FINANCE—A. G. Waldrop and W. D. Lovett.

ON DOCUMENTS—E. B. Waldrop and M. K. Vann.

12th. Appointed M. K. Vann Treasurer.

13th. Committee on preaching reported Bro. Musgrove to preach on Saturday night, which he did to a large audience, we hope with good effect.

SABBATH MORNING.

14th. The Sabbath exercises were conducted as follows : Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock in the morning, after a short recess the Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder W. T. Rogers from the 13th chapter of Acts and 2nd verse 'As thou ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Seperate me Barnabas and Saul, for the work whereunto I have called them ;' Preaching in the meeting house at 11 o'clock to the colored people by J. Grimes and D. Manasco, all with hope with good effect.

15th. Services in the afternoon by Bro. Musgrove to a large and attentive congregation.

16th. Services by Bro. R. W. Inzer at night followed by Bro. D. Manasco.

- 17th. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.
- 18th. The committee to arrange the order in which business should be done, reported and the Committee discharged.
- 19th. Called the roll and marked absentees.
- 20th. Suspended business half an hour for the benefit of Committee on Finance.
- 21st. Called for report on Temperance. No Report. Called for report on Sabbath schools—Read, received and adopted, and ordered to be spread on the minutes. Appendix A. Committee discharged.
- 22nd. Called for report on Education—Read, received and adopted to be read on the Minutes, Appendix B. Committee discharged.
- 23rd. Called for report on Home and Foreign Missions. No report.
- 24th. Called for report on Documents—Read, received and adopted. Ordered be spread on the Minutes, Appendix C. Committee discharged.
- 25th. Appointed the next Association to be held with the Mt. Zion Church, at Irvingville, commencing on Saturday before the first Sabbath in Oct. 1868.
- 26th. Elected W. T. Rogers to preach the Introductory Sermon, J. Grimes, alternate, A. J. Waldrop to preach the Missionary Sermon, W. T. Rogers, alternate.
- 27th. Appointed the following Committees to report to the next Association :
 On TEMPERANCE, E. B. Waldrop, W. H. Wood and J. McDonald.
 On SABBATH SCHOOLS, J. Grimes, W. T. Rogers and John Dickey.
 On HOME and FOREIGN MISSIONS, A. C. Thomason, D. Davis and M. Moses.
 On EDUCATION, W. D. Lovett, T. V. B. Moore and G. T. Deason.
- 28th. Called for the report of the Executive Committee—Read, received and adopted, Ordered to be spread on the Minutes, Appendix D.
- 29th. Called for the report of the Treasurer. Report received and adopted,—ordered to be spread on the minutes, Appendix E.
- 30th. Called for the report of Committee on Finance. Received and adopted, Appendix F.
- 31st. Granted letters of dismission from this body to the following Churches: Cedar Grove, Hebron, Bethel and Mt. Pleasant.
- 32nd. On motion, appointed J. Grimes to write up the Association's book, and sent it at the next Session of this body.
- 33rd. Ordered, that the Clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes; and tribute them, and that he be allowed ten dollars for his services.
- 34th. Ordered, that a committee be appointed to raise contributions for Domestic Missions and to collect monies heretofore pledged for that object.
- Query ? Is it in accordance with the spirit of Christianity to preach funeral sermons as is now customary ? Answer—No.
- Resolved.* That we recommend to all our churches to organize SABBATH SCHOOLS, and that they report in their letters to the next Session of this body the names of TEACHERS and PUPILS. And be it *further resolved*, that each Pastor be, and he is hereby requested to Preach at least one Sermon during the year to each church for which he Pastors.
- Resolved.* That the Treasurer pay over all monies in his hands for the objects specified by the donors.
- Resolved.* That we recommend to the patronage of the churches, the "Baptist" published by J. R. Graves, Memphis Tenn., and the "Christian Herald," published by Joseph Shaeleford, at Ala.
- JES GRIMES, Clerk.
- A. J. WALDROP, Moderator.

(A.)

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Though God brings about whatever He has willed, and has no need of aid from man, He has willed to use human agencies in carrying forward His Divine purposes; and he has willed to use the church as the instrument for disseminating and teaching his Gospel to mankind. He has organized a church, and He has chosen that those who compose that church should labor to promote the interest of the Lord of the churches—the husband of the bride. The members of the church are bound, as obedient children, to labor for and obey their Father; and it is their duty to seek to know His will, and to perform it. No one that is adopted into this family is at liberty to disobey the head and ruler of the family. We are distinctly told that all are bound to labor, and the question should be, in what way can the labor be most effectually employed. *Not one church* says anything at all about Sabbath schools, and in what way can a large number of church members do more, or as much, for their Lord's interests, as in teaching the young the great truths of the Bible? This is a home question and also an individual one. We must each determine for himself what his duty is, and we must each answer for himself the fearful responsibility of neglecting his duty. These are truths, and we know them to be truths, and yet we act as if we believed them to be falsehoods.—We see our children and our neighbor's children growing up in ignorance and sin and yet we have not enough of love for them to labor for their welfare. We love our own ease more than we love the young, who are the "hope of the world."—Can we expect our churches to do otherwise than languish as long as we thus act? We must arouse from this lethargy and labor to sow the seed: and then the Lord of the harvest will give us an abundant crop.

W. D. LOVETT, CHAIRMAN.

As food is requisite to the sustenance of animal life, and a proper exercise to the development and the health of the body, so does mental nourishment promote the growth of mind, and by a judicious training, and proper exercise of the various parts, or functions of the mind, the *inner* man is fully developed, and food and exercise are as absolutely necessary for the life of the mind as they are for that of the body.

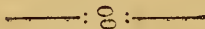
All parents are prompted by instinct to love, cherish and defend, their offspring. We observe this not only among the most degraded of savages, but in the brute creation. Civilized man recognizes this as a *law* of our nature, and society would frown upon a violator of this law, and organized society would punish him.

Christian man, taught by Revelation from God, sees in the infant child an immortal being, and the Christian parent feels that God will hold him responsible for the manner in which he shall rear that child. Recognizing these truths we are prompted to inquire what are the obligations we are placed under by the Parental relation, and to what extent we are culpable, by the neglecting of those duties — All persons believe themselves morally bound to feed, clothe and shelter their children—during infancy to treat them with tenderness and to render the assistance that their feebleness demands—in early youth to provide for their bodily wants, to direct and encourage, or to restrain and reprove, as may be needful. It is also universally acknowledged, and is moreover a legal assumption, that children ought to receive the possession and goods of the parents. In fact no parent questions his duty to provide for the physical comfort and well being of his children, and as far as possible to aid them, when they leave the paternal roof. He labors and saves to accumulate, that his children may enjoy the fruit of his toil, after he shall have passed away. But, while exercising a proper care for the tenement, how few properly regard the necessities, of the tenant—looking merely to the requirements of the physical nature and disregarding the wants of the immortal mind.— 'Tis the duty of every parent to give his children the very best education his position in life and circumstances will allow. This is not optional, but is as much a moral obligation of the parent, as is to attend to their physical wants. As the mind develops, it should be fashioned; when tender it should be properly impressed; and when it wanders, it should be checked, and rightly directed. Early impressions are lasting impressions, and a child must of necessity begin to learn before he begins to speak. Then how careful should the parent be that his example may be worthy of imitation, and that the associates of his children, be not those that will corrupt them. A school where immorality or profanity is allowed, should be patronized by no one, and a teacher of corrupt morals and dissolute habits, should be driven from his position, and from society as a moral monstrosity.

By education, is meant, the education of the entire mind—and to educate correctly it is necessary to teach and direct the mind, to restrain the impulsive, and to urge the slothful to make plain the right, and show what is wrong. And as a true picture, exhibited to the eye will more correctly portray to the mind the lineaments of a person, than any description in language can possibly do; so will example more powerfully impress the young, than all the precept that can be given them apart from example. If a parent neglects to properly direct the infant mind, or fail to give his child such advantages as his circumstances may allow, and that child so neglected, and left to grope in ignorance becomes a pest to society, and a disgrace to humanity, who should be held responsible for his evil doings, and to whom will God point, as the first cause of these outrages and sins?

If the preceding views be correct, and certainly no thinking man will say they are not, parents as the natural guardians of their children, cannot perform their duty towards them, otherwise, than by giving them the best education their circumstances in life will permit; and any parent, who fails to do this, neglects to do his duty and betrays the most sacred trust confided in man—the proper training and nurturing of the immortal mind; and instead of improving the talents entrusted to his care, he wraps them in ignorance and buries them in darkness. What will his Lord say, when he comes to a reckoning?

A. J. WALDROP, CHAIRMAN.



(C.) REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee have carefully reflected upon the subject submitted for their consideration and would make this report:

The Bible is the foundation predicate of all religious truth; and as such, recommends *itself* to every one. It being the Standard, by which all journals, periodicals and books should be tried; we, therefore can safely recommend to this body any work whose truths are predicated upon the "Holy Bible."

Religious newspapers exert a greater influence over the members of churches than any one thing else. They are the most effectual means; as well as the most available; for inculcating universal morality. We suggest to the members of our churches, that it is expedient and wise, that each baptist family should have at least one baptist newspaper.

Most respectfully submitted.

E. B. WALDROP, CHAIRMAN.



(D.) REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, report the following; That in accordance with the request of your body, we appointed two brethren, viz. Elders J. Grimes and W. T. Rogers, to ride within the bounds of the Association, for which we agreed to give them \$1.25 per day. They report to us as follows: Brother Grimes labored 168 days and baptised 47. Brother W. T. Rogers labored 77 days and baptised 39—during their labors, for the last Associational year. We have received and adopted those reports; believing they discharged their duties. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Z. HAGOOD, CHAIRMAN.



(E.) TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Treasurer Reports: Received \$316.04; paid the Domestic Missions, \$123.01; to the Baptist State Convention, \$10.00; for Minutes, \$41.80 Remaining in the Treasure, \$131.23.

(F.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Friendship	\$2,00	Mt. Zion	\$4,00
New Bethel	,80	Shady Grove	1,10
Prude's Creek	1,00	Good Hope	2,25
Mt. Pleasant		Big Creek	,60
Bethel		Hebran	2,70
Sulphur Springs	2,75	Salem	2,00
Rock Creek	2,50	Canaan	1,00
Cahaba	5,00	Roup's Valley	2,00
Ruhamah	4,00	Cedar Grove	1,00
Central	2,00		
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			\$16,65
	\$20,05		20,05
Contributed for Associational purposes—			7,40
Cahaba Church \$4,00 }			<hr/>
Ruhamah " 3,40 }	\$7,40	Aggregate, \$44,10	

Received of James Grimes, Clerk, \$30,00 for printing Minutes for the Canaan Association. C. & D.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	P. O'S.	DELEGATE'S NAMES.	Baptised.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total in fellow ship.
Hebron	Jefferson	A McDONALD	Jonesboro	A McDONALD, D P White, W P Herring	6	1	1	7	1	1	82
Trade's Creek	Tuskaloosa			R Stone				3	2	1	43
Shady Grove	Shelby			W T ROGERS	8	4	1	12	2	1	56
Big Creek	Jefferson			David Franklin							29
Cedar Grove	"	J E Holt	Elyton	H B Moore							22
Sulphur Springs	"	JAS GRIMES	"	H B Robertson, J T Eubank	6	7		6	1		55
Rock Creek	"	W T ROGERS	Jonesboro	S T Huey, A G Waldrop and J V Huey		9	1	2	2		156
Calaba	"	A J WALDRUP	Elyton	T FRANKLIN, M K Vann, J M Franklin, S T Vann	16	5	1	5		1	133
Ramah	"	A J WALDRUP	"	A J WALDRUP, J H Williams, W D Lovett, E B Waldrop	1	2		3	1	3	110
Mount Zion	St. Clair	A J WALDRUP	Springville	S W Herring, M Pierce, R Blythe, H Pearson		4		4	1	1	51
Good Hope	Jefferson		Elyton	T B Robins		11		6			41
New Bethel	"	B M STEPHENS	"	J P Agerton, W Rouse		10		6			44
Salem	"	JAS GRIMES	"	B Bush, G F Hagood, R H Erwin		24	1	6	1		43
Central	"	JAS GRIMES	Springville	T A Milton, J Hefner, E Rich		1	2	8	2		58
Mount Pleasant	"	W C McLAUGHLIN	Elyton	W C McLAUGHLIN, G W Taylor		10	11	132	8	2	24
Friendship	St. Clair	P S MONTGOMERY	"	S B Crow, J Newton		1	2	5			35
Bethel	"	W C McLAUGHLIN	Springville	A C Haulright		1		3			59
Canaan	Jefferson	W T ROGERS	Jonesboro	JAS GRIMES, John Dickey		6	1	3			52
Roop's Valley	Tuskaloosa	A C THOMASON	"	B McDaniel		5		4	2	1	38

Ministers names in SMALL CAPITALS.

For contributions, see report of Finance Committee. Appendix, (F.)

Total : 111 49 7 106 29 13 1890





